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Dear Members of Congress,

I continue to be impressed by the proposals we receive from libraries throughout the state for innovative and collaborative projects that are designed to improve library service to your constituents, the residents of Michigan. Thanks to the continued funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), these projects can become reality.

In the year 2000, the Library of Michigan used LSTA dollars to fund a wide range of projects that have made a difference in the lives of Michigan residents. Libraries are a valuable source of information and services to taxpayers. Thanks to the LSTA program, we are able to increase the accessibility and visibility of these resources and enhance library services to meet the ever-changing needs of library users.

The LSTA program has encouraged statewide resource sharing, equity of access, continuing education, and technological advancements. The libraries in Michigan have met this challenge with well thought out projects that answer these needs.

To complement the competitive grant program, we have used LSTA funds to expand the AccessMichigan program, providing equitable and easy-to-use access to a core set of online digital information sources to every resident of the state. We are moving closer all the time to the vision of a statewide "virtual library" in which any citizen can have access at any time to any resource in the collections of Michigan's libraries.

On behalf of the librarians and library board trustees and the public who have benefited from improved library service (and who have told us about it), thank you for your continued support of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Christie Pearson Brandau

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AccessMichigan

A student needs information for a project about deforestation in Brazil, or a map of Australia, or an explanation of the northern lights. A public library patron wants to know more about a medical test that she is going to have the next day. A legislator would like examples of what foreign newspapers are saying about a U.S. issue.

All of these and more can be found in Michigan anywhere, anytime using Michigan's growing "virtual library" known as AccessMichigan.

The AccessMichigan project is now 3 years old. AccessMichigan services are available to Michigan residents through over 2000 libraries of all types, public, school, academic and special. Patrons can also use many of these resources from home directly over the web.

Two of the AccessMichigan databases (OCLC's First Search and Gale's General Reference Center Gold) were funded through LSTA during FY2000. These two collections of resources include over 125 separate databases covering a wide range of topics. Many of these resources include full-text articles in a wide variety of topic areas designed for audiences from children to adults. Looking at just the use of OCLC's First Search, Michigan residents did 4.3 million searches and retrieved over 1.5 million full-text articles during the year.

To help support this project, the Library of Michigan contracts with the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) to provide AccessMichigan training and "help desk" services. In FY 2000, MLC trainers conducted 117 sessions for a total of 1488 attendees.

In July 2000, WJ Schroer presented its evaluation report on the first two years of AccessMichigan.

The evaluation included focus groups and telephone interviews with a representative sample of libraries throughout Michigan.

Report findings included: broad satisfaction with the services and the selection of databases, a desire for even more full-text resources, support for continuing to use some LSTA funds for the project, a request for better promotional materials, and a desire for AccessMichigan to help broker statewide purchase of additional databases. The Library of Michigan has used this feedback to guide its plans for the coming year. Plans include adding more full-text resources and development of a better promotional campaign designed to reach the general public.

The LSTA funded databases are a part of the mix of materials that are bringing us closer to achieving AccessMichigan's "virtual library" goal of providing information to Michigan residents anywhere, anytime.

The sources of that information will eventually include Internet sites, commercial databases, electronic books, and non-electronic materials of all kinds.



Comments from librarians and their users confirm the success of this project:

"The best thing the State Library ever did."

Northern Michigan Library Cooperative director

"Our district saves \$40,000 per year by using AccessMichigan—it is an integral part of our library program."

Wyandotte Schools staff

"AccessMichigan is the best thing to happen to libraries, all of them, as long as I can remember. We can't do without it, nor could we afford it if it wasn't provided to us."

Swartz Creek Middle School staff

"After I taught my Internet class about how to evaluate sites they said, 'Why don't we just use AccessMichigan, we know that's good'."

County library director

"I would also highly praise the AccessMichigan Project that provides free subscriptions to Info Trac and First Search along with other databases. I hope these programs will continue to be funded as they provide an **exceptional service** to small school and public libraries."

Library staff

"I never knew there was so much valuable information, and for free!"

Library trainee on AccessMichigan databases

"We support continuation of AccessMichigan using LSTA funds. We need to explore innovative ways to use technology to provide more consistent and effective AccessMichigan training throughout the state."

Subgrant Administrator

U.S. Congressional Districts

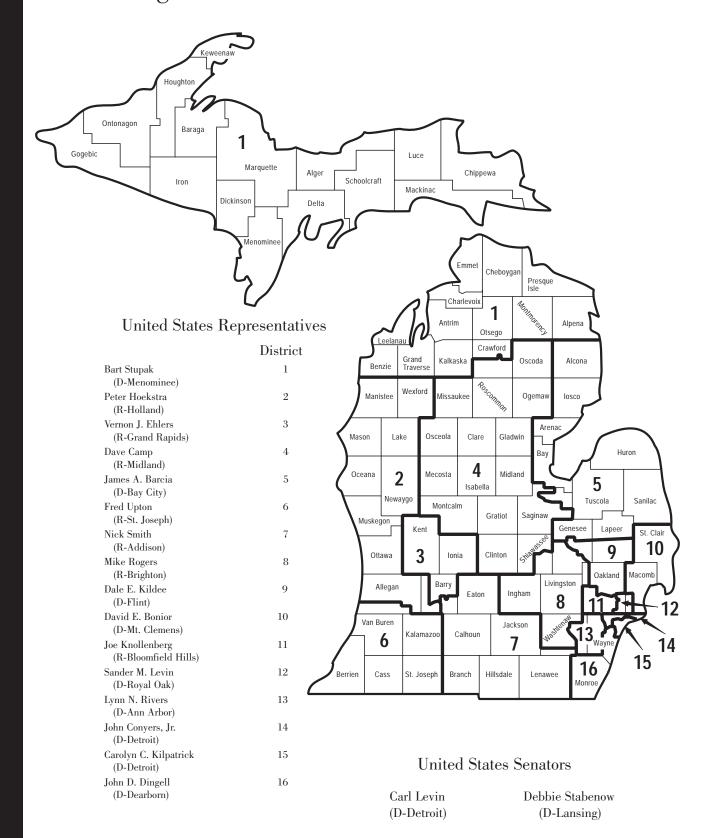


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Library of Michigan's LSTA Program Goals

Michigan's LSTA program seeks to assist libraries in developing service paradigms that incorporate new technologies and models of service, while continuing to meet the service needs of traditional library users, including special populations. The Library of Michigan LSTA program identifies four major goals that are designed to extend and improve library services:

Goal I To develop and fund LSTA programs in support of statewide access to the

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ble range of information for all residents of the state through all

libraries.

Goal II

To increase equity of information access by providing special assistance to areas of the state where

library services are inadequate (underserved rural and urban communities), and to libraries that are

working to provide service to persons having difficulty using a library.

Goal III To support the continued development of information skills through continuing

education on a collaborative basis statewide.

Goal IV To foster innovation and technical improvements in information services by funding leading edge

projects in libraries which will serve as models and training centers.

Toward achievement of these goals, the Library of Michigan has awarded \$4,632,550 in LSTA dollars for projects during this last year. Funding has focused on bringing technology and the promise of the Internet to the state's libraries as well as supporting services to special populations such as the blind & physically handicapped and children living in poverty.

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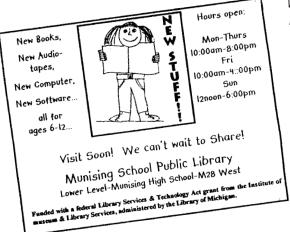
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Alba Public Schools K-12 Library, Alba	\$21,380
Basic Library Technology	Ψ21,300
Alpena Public Schools Libraries, Alpena	96,696
Basic Library Technology	30,030
Bayliss Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie	27,650
Community Information Network	21,000
Chippewa Temporary Facility Library, Kincheloe	22,685
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	22,000
Glen Lake Community Library, Empire	25,000
Basic Library Technology	,,,,,
Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Traverse City	8,150
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	,
Hiawathaland Library Cooperative, Sault Ste Marie	25,000
Children in Poverty	,
Indian River Area Library, Indian River	24,850
Basic Library Technology	ŕ
Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative, Kingsford	49,947
Community Information Network	ŕ
Negaunee Public Schools Libraries, Negaunee	25,000
Basic Library Technology	
Newberry Correctional Facility Library, Newberry	18,291
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Northland Interlibrary System, Alpena	3,567
Regions of Cooperation	
Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena	50,000
Internet Training Center	
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Alpena	25,000
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Alpena	7,927
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Otsego County Library, Gaylord	39,791
Community Information Network	
Spies Public Library, Menominee	22,565
Children in Poverty	
Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Marquette	7,949
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc., Marquette	25,000
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc., Marquette	9,446
Regions of Cooperation	
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LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$535,894



While focusing on the nursing profession, the Copper Country Nursing Resource Center web site has information and links useful to other health professionals as well, and can also be useful to the general public. It also includes information on accessing collections in all types of Upper Peninsula libraries from a home computer.

Sulo and Aileen Maki Library subgrant administrator, Suomi College, Hancock

"I feel like a 'world borrower.' This is a really great service, and the Upper Peninsula online catalog is so easy to use. Thank you so much." Menominee County Library patron, Stephenson

"The Upper Peninsula Online Catalog is indeed a boon to citizens in the Upper Peninsula, and has also proven to be quite valuable to many outside the Upper Peninsula. We are very appreciative of the LSTA/IMLS funds awarded for the enhancement and expansion of this online union catalog." Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative director, Kingsford

"This specialized library is the only way for the approximately 1,000 users in our sixteen county area to receive the books and magazines they need and want. Without the federal and state grants, our handicapped patrons would not receive this valuable library service."

Grand Traverse LBPH director, Traverse City



Upper Pennisula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Outreach Coordinator demonstrates Newsline Talking Newspaper service to a patron whose wife is visually impaired.

"The Oooooh's and Aaaaah's from children and parents alike when they see our new collection of children's materials are perhaps the most gratifying result of this grant. On Mother's Day of this year, a grandmother, who is a regular patron, brought her two granddaughters to the library. Grandma reported that the 8 and 9-year-old girls, who often come with her, had been excitedly planning their library trip all day. Grandma is a regular donor of funds for children's materials." Munising School Public Library director, Munising

"We are a military family, so we relocate quite often. Sometimes a new town can be intimidating. But it seems we always find refuge at the local library within a few days of settling. And that is why I am writing this letter to you. We have recently come to Alger county. And what a wonderful library we found. My daughters felt quite at home in the children's section. I was so pleased to see the amount of books, and such new titles. We have spent many hours there already, and we look forward to many more. Your library has the greatest children's section I have ever seen. And we have seen a few! Thank you for providing such a wonderful library for Alger county." Munising School Public Library patron, Munising

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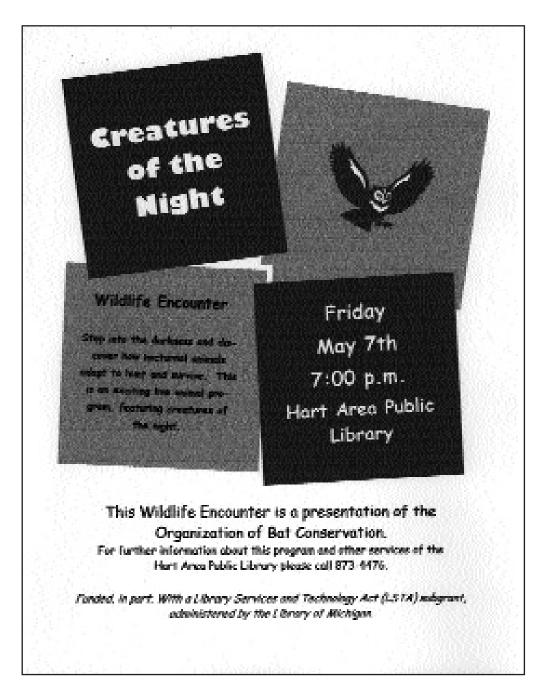
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Fremont Area District Library, Fremont	\$39,259
Internet Training Center	
Hart Area Public Library, Hart	18,300
Children in Poverty	
Hesperia Public Library, Hesperia	14,012
Children in Poverty	
Mid-Michigan Library League, Cadillac	49,964
Internet Training Center	
Mid-Michigan Library League Region of Cooperation, Cadillac	4,753
Regions of Cooperation	
Muskegon County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Muskegon	6,482
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$132,770

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"This particular project has generated enthusiasm. The staff, the patrons, the schools, and the community are excited about the future of the Hart Area Public Library. These improvements are recognized as a commitment to the community, and in return the community recognized the need to enlarge the library and we are not in the initial stages of a building program. Hart Area Public Library is a library with a future!" Hart Area Public Library director, Hart



"The circulation of the juvenile fiction collection increased by more than 200% over the preceding year! The 6-12 year-olds are reading! The impact is staggering!!!" Hart Area Public Library director, Hart

"While this is an investment of valuable resources, we know the users of this technology are also a valuable segment of our market and use information found on web sites to make their health care provider decisions. In addition, prospective employees and physicians looking to move to our area use the web site to learn about our hospital system." Holland Community Health Corporate Vice President of System Integration, Holland

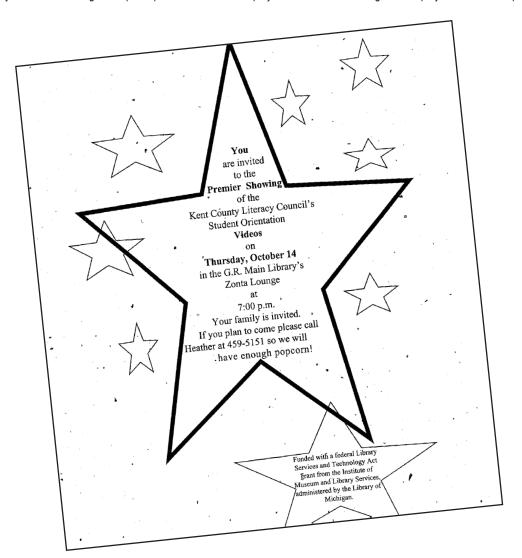
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In fiscal year 2000, libraries in this district were able to offer their customers access to educational and informational resources through the LSTA funded project AccessMichigan.

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"The library in your country is wonderful. I check out books weekly for myself and for my children and they attend the children's activities." Grand Rapids Public Library, English as a Second Language student from Peru, Grand Rapids

"Shortly after the video was finished, it was shown at a community event. As a result of seeing the video, the Guiding Light Mission inquired about tutoring for their clients at their facility. Volunteers from the Guiding Light Mission were trained as tutors and now any resident of the Mission can be tutored on site." Grand Rapids Public Library subgrant administrator, Grand Rapids



"Due to the efforts of the tutors, 50% of our students now have a library card (at intake only 17% had a card) and now use the library to obtain books for themselves or their children." Grand Rapids Public Library subgrant administrator, Grand Rapids

"Adult learners benefit in many areas of their lives. With learning comes increased self-confidence, job promotions for some students, and great satisfaction from being able to do things that they had previously deemed impossible. Many adults are finally able to read to their children for the first time and are no longer afraid to attend parent-teacher conferences. English as a Second Language students gain invaluable language skills that help them adapt to their new life. As they gain confidence in their language proficiency they begin to improve their basic living conditions by getting better jobs, purchasing homes and interacting within their communities. Friendships develop between tutor and student and they both gain a greater knowledge about their respective country's customs and cultures." Grand Rapids Public Library subgrant administrator,

"Dear Friend – Thank you so very much for the quick service I was given for the loan of a cassette machine and books. Your service is a blessing to those folks like me who are not in the best of health. The ladies of the Walker Branch informed me of your service. I'm truly grateful for the kindness of folks like you." Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped patron, Grand Rapids

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Chippewa River District Library, Mount Pleasant	\$50,000
Internet Training Center	
Fairview Area Schools Libraries, Fairview	24,247
Basic Library Technology	
Houghton Lake Community Schools Libraries, Houghton Lake	50,796
Basic Library Technology	
Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Grand Rapids	8,073
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$133,116

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"Our goals to add technology for our patrons and staff have exceeded our initial expectations. We have grown from a library with one public computer and one staff computer with no Internet to a fully automated circulation desk, and a localized computer area, with a total of eight computers. In two years we have accomplished so much and are very proud of what we can now offer our patrons and staff."

Barryton Public Library director, Barryton

"Here are some thoughts on the Barryton Library. Increasing inventory, including reference materials, should be a goal. Children services such as story hour should be continued and expanded where appropriate. The librarian and assistant are friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable, and should be commended." Barryton Public Library patron, Barryton



"Seeing grandparents sitting next to their grandchildren at a computer, with the smiles and laughter that CD-ROM games can bring, creates a very pleasant library atmosphere." Subgrant Administrator

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Akron-Fairgrove Junior/Senior High School Library, Fairgrove Basic Library Technology	\$75,000
Millington Community School District Libraries, Millington	31,896
Basic Library Technology	
North Branch Area Schools Libraries, North Branch	25,000
Basic Library Technology	
Public Libraries of Saginaw, Saginaw	25,000
Children in Poverty	
Public Libraries of Saginaw, Saginaw	46,415
Internet Training Center	
White Pine Library Network, Saginaw	6,779
Regions of Cooperation	

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district: \$210,090

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"Providing libraries with the funds to automate their systems and provide the capability to put the catalog on the Web is a very positive use of federal monies. This gives a fair advantage to rural and depressed areas to move into the 21st century and helps the patrons be familiar with systems they could be using at colleges and universities. Small libraries are in need of efficient means to share resources, increase the effectiveness of their somewhat limited collections and give these small libraries the flexibility to share their collections. The Hale Area Schools can offer a service to members of the community because of their ability to access the system from their home computers. Surrounding school systems are also using similar software on line. Sharing resources is the biggest advantage of this project.

Other school districts also have access to the catalog and can

request use of our materials using the guidelines for interlibrary loans." Hale Area School District Libraries, District Media Specialist and Subgrant Administrator, Hale

"The new technology in the Laker High School Library has been a tremendous asset to my students this year. When it was available, I was able to have my literature classes complete a research project on American authors. This was accomplished by using the computer facilities in the library. One component of the research project initiated was a PowerPoint presentation developed from student research. By using the Internet, my students were able to access pictures and documents that would not be available without the new workstations. As an educator, there is a balance between technology use and the classroom. The new lab

has allowed my students the chance to research and develop job skills by using the World Wide Web, for that I am grateful for this grant." Laker High School teacher, Pigeon

"The teachers and students at Laker Junior High and High School are fortunate to have excellent library resources through recent renovations. It is very difficult for schools to keep up with the rapid pace of technology changes. The assistance of federal dollars make library renovations like the one at Laker Junior High and High School possible. Providing students with essential tools for their education will help them succeed and become the leaders of tomorrow." Laker School teacher, Pigeon



"The new technology in our library has been of a great benefit to my students and myself. My students have used the computers to type reports and for other homework assignments for my class. One of the reports assigned was to look up information on careers in the Health Field. They then prepared an oral and written report from the information they were able to obtain from the Internet. Almost one-half of these students do not have access to computers in their homes. If it were not for the library computers none of these assignments would have been possible." Laker School Student Coordinator/Health Teacher, Pigeon

"My husband and I are frequent patrons of the Pigeon District Library and are very pleased with the new technology that has been put in use in our library. The library has always been a treasure to the community with its friendly, knowledgeable staff and the new equipment has added capabilities that are needed in the year 2000 and beyond." Pigeon District Library patron, Pigeon

"On behalf of our community and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the grant to the Pigeon Library. This allows us to update our technical equipment so that we can face the demands of the 21st century. To this small community, the grant is an enormous help. We love our library and you have only made it better. Thank you again." Pigeon District Library patron, Pigeon

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Cass District Library, Cassopolis	\$72,210
Basic Library Technology James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs	100,759
Advanced Technology Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo	150,000
Advanced Technology	
South Haven High School Library, South Haven	18,650
Children in Poverty	
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation, Paw Paw	134,814
Basic Library Technology	
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation, Paw Paw	6,186
Regions of Cooperation	
Three Rivers Public Library, Three Rivers	20,300
Children in Poverty	
White Pigeon Middle/High School Library, White Pigeon	7,594
Children in Poverty	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$510,513

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"Students and community members have truly appreciated the opportunities to work on computers with Internet connectivity.

The LSTA funding was a springboard for our school district to create a space to reach out to the community. . . The collaboration established during the writing and implementation of this grant has truly been a plus. Public library staff, school library staff and local businesses continue to sit around a table to discuss the needs of the population in this area and design technology opportunities to meet those needs. The information shared went beyond the Internet Training Site and allowed trainers to share techniques which they had not previously utilized." Bloomingdale High School Library subgrant administrator, Bloomingdale

"As this grant finishes its cycle, we wish to take a moment to thank those who believed

in our dream enough to give us the funds which established an Internet Training site in this small, rural community. It has definitely opened a door to bring the community into the school. First, the door opened at Bloomingdale High School, which is in the southeastern portion of the school district, and this opened a door at Pullman Elementary at the northwestern portion of the school district. People who would never have come to Bloomingdale, came to participate in classes and found it an enjoyable experience. They went back to their home districts and shared their experiences. This gave other school districts the impetus to begin offering computer classes in their local communities. You can be assured that your initial investment has compounded itself many times over."

Bloomingdale High School Library subgrant administrator,



"The community has been so supportive of the changes at the library which have occurred over the past few years, that they have now, with board participation, put together a building committee to look at the possibility of expansion since we are outgrowing our space." Marcellus Township Library director, Marcellus

"The opportunity to apply for federal grants in Michigan on a competitive basis is critical to bringing innovative and startup projects into the region. With state aid funding capped at 50 cents per capita, the only way to introduce new and unique services or startup projects into the membership is through grant awards. Even a small amount of new money allows the Cooperative to introduce new technology and begin to implement innovation in the membership services." Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative director, Paw Paw

"Our service technician was in the elementary school nearby and a child came up to him in the hallway and asked him if he was the CD-ROM man at the Library. When Jan said yes, the boy said 'thanks for the Car Builder CD, it's my favorite one so far.' Introducing into a community a technology that is new to them is a very exciting and productive use of the taxpayer's monies, whether local, state or federal. It is extremely helpful to receive initial funding for projects of this nature with the expectation that the Library budget will be able to maintain and supplement the collection for patrons." Three Rivers Public Library director, Three Rivers

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Branch District Library, Coldwater	\$50,000
Community Information Network Capital Area Library Network, Inc., Napoleon	4,974
Regions of Cooperation	4,514
Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation, Albion	5,646
Regions of Cooperation	
Woodlands Library Cooperative, Albion	29,355
Internet Training Center	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$89,975

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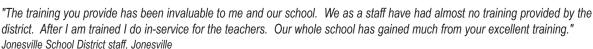
"A patron was trying out the Internet to see if it would help with genealogy research and they said, 'We always thought our family name was so RARE and have found 4 pages just in Texas. Wow!' A genealogy club for teaching people how to do genealogy on the Internet is being formed at Sherwood Public Library." Branch District Library System subgrant administrator, Coldwater

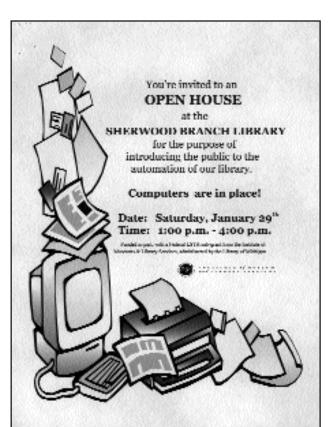
"This LSTA project has had a very positive impact on collaboration with the school systems in our county. I think the 1999 LSTA Basic Library Technology grant collaboration with Jennings Elementary School and Sherwood Elementary led directly to the successful collaboration between the Branch District Library System and all the public school systems in the county that resulted in the Library being awarded a \$50,000 LSTA 2000 Community Information Network grant."

Branch District Library System subgrant administrator, Coldwater

"Without this funding, none of the three Pittsford libraries would ever be automated!!! No funding of this magnitude would ever have been available from our own local resources. There simply would never have been funding available to accomplish what this grant did for us. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! This grant has taken us from

the horse and buggy days to being one of the highest tech libraries around." Pittsford High School Library director, Pittsford





"High quality training is essential for today's library staff. Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation's training enabled library staff from academic, public, school, and special libraries to acquire the skills and knowledge."

Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation director, Albion

"I really appreciated the training on how to locate government information on the Internet, as a class in my high school was at that moment researching Supreme Court cases. Although I have books on many of these cases, the instructor had assigned some obscure cases for which the only information the students could locate was on the Internet at the sites that we had used in class."

Albion High School librarian, Albion



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Cromaine District Library, Hartland	\$25,274
Internet Training Center	
Michigan State University Libraries, East Lansing	150,000
Advanced Technology	
Mideastern Michigan Talking Book Center, Flint	7,237
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	

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\$182,511

"Patrons benefit from this project because they are able to receive

materials from their local public, school, business, medical or college library that they would not ordinarily be able to access. Funding has been impacted in that resource sharing allows a library to have access to more materials, and borrow what it doesn't have which enables a library to stretch its budget." Capital Area Library Network director, Holt

"This project is directly impacting over 5,000 students and 300 teachers and will soon reach the homes of parents as well as others in the community. The response has been profound. Library staff, teachers and students are excited and enthusiastic concerning the capacities of the automation."

Holt Public School Libraries director, Holt

"Being able to add Web sites to the online catalog with books of similar topics helps extend sources for students." "I have had nothing but positive comments from staff and students. They took to the program like ducks to water!" "Both staff and students are checking out a greater number of books on a wider variety of topics than they did with the hold card catalog." Holt Public School Libraries staff. Holt

"There is no way I could go a week or two without reading. Books, magazines, the newspaper, cereal boxes, you name it, I read it. I know people who say they don't have time to read, but I have always thought of reading as so important

that folks should make time. My grandmother is also a big reader. But Grandma has glaucoma and for the past few years her world has slowly become darker. Shadows grew until, eventually, even the extra-large print of the books she loved became impossible to read. Grandma's world is fairly quiet and those books filled an important part of her life, an important part of her day. But Grandma is reading once again, or listening. Her books come via the Mideastern Michigan Talking Book Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, located at the Genesee District Library on Pasadena Avenue in Flint Township. It's often referred to as the Talking Book Center. . . what a service"

The Flint Journal columnist, Flint





"Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate getting my books. They are greatly appreciated . . . " "Just a line to let you know how much I enjoy your 'newsy' informative booklet. You do a very nice job of putting it all together. It's concise, helpful and easy to read. Thank you for being there for us."

Mideastern Michigan Talking Book Center patrons, Flint

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Independence Township Library, Clarkston	\$50,000
Internet Training Center	
Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, Flint	25,000
Children in Poverty	
Mideastern Michigan Region of Cooperation, Flint	7,695
Regions of Cooperation	
Oakland County Library for the Visually and Physically Impaired, Pontiac	14,359
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district: \$97,054

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"Cooperation between and among libraries results in effective resource sharing, patron-friendly lending policies, and a heightened awareness of collections for appropriate referrals. Collaboration among librarians supports professional development, as well as research and demonstration projects designed to assess the viability of new technologies on library applications. Our listserv has provided a way to communicate rapidly information on library issues." Mideastern Michigan Region of Cooperation director. Flint

"While the project has reached more older persons throughout the community than the original target population at Danish Village, it has dramatically enriched the lives of the residents in this Housing and Urban Development subsidized building. A resident who has no telephone or transportation says free email is her link to the world. She serves as a 'techno host' volunteer and encourages other residents to use the computer. Another resident learned so quickly and became so proficient emailing her family throughout the country, that her family went together to buy her a computer and scanner for her own apartment. This resident serves as the library's on site computer caretaker . . . The building administrator reports that this resident had previously kept very much to herself, never participating in building activities or special events. Now she is reaching out to others and participating in activities." Rochester Hills Public Library subgrant administrator, Rochester

"A resident at the Danish Village who has a daughter living in Norway is communicating with her via email and receiving photos of her family over the Internet. A 91-year old man who stays away from most social activities in the building constantly comments that he is glad he is not too old to use the Internet." Rochester Hills Public Library subgrant administrator, Rochester



Electronic resource librarian and a Danish Villiage computer user outside the mini-branch library.

"Personal conversations with residents at Danish Village indicate that they excited about the opportunity to learn to use the



Internet. Stella said, 'I don't feel so left behind. It's a way of getting into the modern world. After being retired for 15 years, you get stale and this is a way to catch up.' Lee, age 92 said, 'This is new and exciting. I talked about using a computer for several years. Now I am glad to have the chance.' Marie, age 91, likes using email to contact her family. She says, 'Learning to use the computer is broadening no matter what your age.' Dorathea, age 90 says, 'I'm just learning to enjoy it. I want to send email just for the fun of it. The computer just fascinates me.'" Rochester Hills Public Library subgrant administrator, Rochester

"Over thirty Danish Village residents completed introductory Internet training and are able to 'surf the net' as well as access the library's online catalog anytime of day or night right from their building. The older persons are most excited about using free email to correspond with family and friends. One resident who is in her eighties says that using the Internet has changed her life. Now

that she is familiar with web sites, links and search engines,

she feels like she is ready for the 21st century." Rochester Hills Public Library subgrant administrator,

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LSTA Projects

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Chesterfield Township Library, Chesterfield Township	\$24,589
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Clinton Township	10,706
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Macomb Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Clinton Township	24,988
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Macomb Region of Cooperation, Clinton Township	24,220
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Macomb Region of Cooperation, Clinton Township	7,576
Regions of Cooperation	
St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources, Port Huron	5,268
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources, Port Huron	16,717
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$114,064

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"We performed 164 puppet shows in 15 months, with 10,593 in total audience attendance. I'm ecstatic that our message reached so many different schools and groups with a much-needed message that the Kids on the Block puppets convey. The Macomb's project goal was to increase awareness in children without disabilities about those children with disabilities and sensitize them to these differences. By doing so through the use of the Kids on the Block puppet shows, children would tease chil-

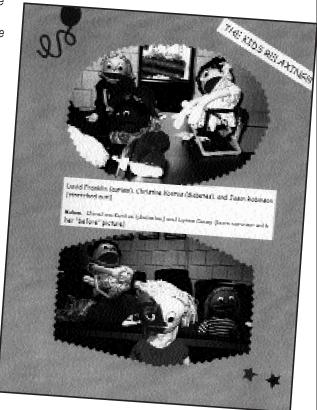
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dren who are different less, making it easier for children with disabilities to learn and use their various adaptive technology and lead children with disabilities to be more self-confident, do better in school, and use their libraries more." Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped subgrant administrator, Clinton Township

"I don't think we'll ever know the full impact this project has made on all the lives the Kids on the Block puppets have touched. We may never know how we touched a child, or even an adult. Hopefully our message of tolerance for differences will have fallen on no-so-deaf ears and that message will be enacted upon by our audience." Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped subgrant administrator, Clinton Township

"I wanted to take the time to let you know what a wonderful job the puppeteers did in presenting the three sessions of Kids on the Block that we were fortunate enough to be able to schedule for the first grades here at Belle River Elementary in Marine City. They did an absolutely wonderful job! The students were spell-bound with all three presentations and the questions that were generated following each of the three plays let us know that they truly had gained a better appreciation and understanding for persons with handicaps . . . The children in my class are still trying to write words in Braille after they so generously gave them a ruler printed with the Braille alphabet." First grade teacher at Belle River Elementary School, Marine City

"By participating in this type of project, collaboration is encouraged. Various Region of Cooperation members are able to network at meetings and workshops where they can discuss projects that they might work on together, both inside and outside of the region." Macomb Region of Cooperation director, Clinton Township



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"Access Michigan contains wonderful databases that will be incredibly useful to our staff and students. I am so grateful for the funding of this excellent program. I am eager for our connection to the new database to enhance the FirstSearch programs we already have."

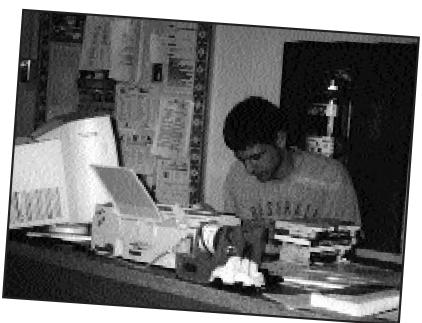
"I find these services invaluable. As a high school media specialist, we extensively use InfoTrac. Please keep up the funding."

"The AccessMichigan databases are all excellent and provide a variety of info, graphics, services. If possible, please keep them all.

They serve a younger population, but even older folks use them."



"I am a media specialist for grades 9-12. I find the AccessMichigan databases most valuable. Please continue."



"AccessMichigan is invaluable to a library our size. We appreciate it very much. We would not have the funds to purchase these databases on our own."

"AccessMichigan is a great research tool for our small rural library."

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LSTA Projects

Library Technology, Children in Poverty, Community Information Network, Internet Training Center, Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library, and Regions of Cooperation.

Royal Oak Public Library, Royal Oak \$21,726

Internet Training Center

Warren Public Library, Warren 25,000

Children in Poverty

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district: \$46,726

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"Since the Homework Center was established, an average of 20 students and their parents used the computers each day. All three of the computers were in use almost every hour the library was open!" Sterling Heights Public Library director, Sterling Heights

"One mother of a 6-year old student commented, 'My daughter enjoyed the Seuss program because it had a variety of learning games. These programs are great!' One resident commented, 'It's so great to see these new computers. The new CD programs are so striking and the children love them. They really keep their attention.' Another person stated, 'When we visit the library, my children head first to the computers in the

Homework Center." Sterling Heights Public Library director, Sterling Heights

> "Of great ongoing benefit to far more children are the many new nonfiction books and videos

we purchased as part of the grant. The

staff at these three branches have all commented extensively on how wonderful it

is having these new materials available for the children. It has made their job much easier and more satisfying. They now have current reference and circulating material to offer children that they would not have had otherwise. The circulation statistics further demonstrate this benefit. After the winter holidays there was a marked increase in juvenile non-fiction book circulation both over previous months as well as the same month the year before." Warren Public Library director, Warren

"The new books and videocassettes made a huge difference in meeting the information needs of our young patrons. Being able to offer new, updated material to the children has been a delight. Instead of wait-

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LSTA Projects

Physically Handicapped, Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library, and Regions of Cooperation.

Canton Public Library, Canton	\$104,843
Advanced Technology	
Salem-South Lyon District Library, South Lyon	5,859
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	
Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, Ann Arbor	9,213
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Westland	17,048
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$136,963

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"As a result of our school visits, we have had many parents visit the library with their children for the first time." Wayne County Library – Fred C. Fischer Branch subgrant administrator, Belleville



"A heartfelt thank you for making so many wonderful books available to our boys and girls. Yes, we're excited! Due to budget constraints, it has been along time since we've been able to make this number of books available for our students to read . . . The more books and choices our students have available to them will only serve to motivate and create in them a love of reading!" Rawsonville Elementary School Principal, Ypsilanti

"The creativity and word-processing programs are used to compose poetry, write letters, create greeting cards, and "draw" pictures to send home to mothers and sweethearts. The ability to provide such opportunities for its patrons has made the Library a popular place in the facility. Since the installation of the computers, special requests by individual residents to visit the Library are a common occurrence. Previously, such requests were rare." Wayne County Library, Institutional Services Director, Westland

"An unexperimental director, Ypsilanti "An unexperimental director, Ypsilanti "An unexperimental director, Ypsilanti"

"An unexpected incident occurred with the use of the Loud-R Electronic Ear device. I offered the use of the Loud-R ear to a patron wearing hearing aids; she was asking a question about taxes. When she heard my voice clearly with the Loud-R ear, she started to cry. She told me how difficult it was living with a hearing loss and was amazed at how the Loud-R ear worked. She asked for the name and address of the manufacturer so she could order one for herself. As I was telling this story to another librarian, I was informed that this same situation occurred with another patron. One of our staff people borrowed a Loud-R ear for a family meeting with an elderly relative and it proved to be a productive meeting with no misunderstandings due to hearing loss. The Loud-R Electronic ear has proved to be a popular item." Wayne Public Library director, Wayne

"The good works produced with federal grant funding should offer gratification to the agencies responsible for allocating federal funds and keep the process going. The Wayne library is proud of the accomplishments it has made using grant money." Wayne Public Library director, Wayne

"By purchasing, providing, and encourage the use of magnifying personal readers and a full range of traditional magnifiers, Ypsilanti District Library improved information services to the visually challenged, which includes the aging and older population and increased the ease with which

these persons use the library." Ypsilanti District Library

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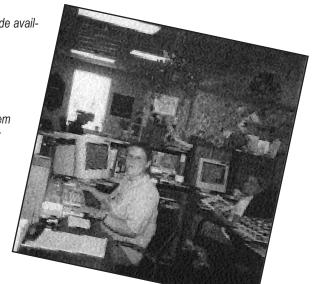
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"We are very happy to have the AccessMichigan resources made available to our patrons. Thank you. We love them."

"Our library just began our Internet access for the public in November, but we show everyone who signs up how to use them (the online databases). We have a lot of home schoolers in our area, and we all think these are great!"

"I cannot imagine AccessMichigan not being available to our patrons. Please just keep making them available! Thanks!"



"Keep up the funding! This is a great resource! This is the only way any of our elementary buildings could afford access to these databases."

"AccessMichigan is a marvelous service that Michigan provides! Please continue."

"These are expensive on-line resources. I doubt our school would even have them without this help. Thank You!"

"We love SIRS Researcher in the high school. It is used by students and staff constantly. The elementary media centers have Discover and Electronic Library and use them often. Please continue this service. Thank you very much."

"A wonderful set of resources, please keep them as long as possible. I could not afford these excellent products on my budget alone."

"Please continue these wonderful databases. This is the best thing that ever happened for libraries."

"I appreciate being able to find books to fill patrons' desires. People are excited to be able to access other library collections and are happy that books arrive so quickly."

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LSTA Projects

Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation, Detroit	\$9,083
Regions of Cooperation	
Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Detroit	5,213
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Wayne County Public Library, River Rouge Branch, River Rouge	23,975
Children in Poverty	

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district: \$38,271

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"Radio Playwrights" Premeire

"Detroit Subregional Library patrons now have available a vast array of new information and will have access to the catalogs of many other libraries on the Internet, positive moves which we think will be greeted with enthusiasm. Circulation has increased 72% since last year and attendance at events has improved." Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped subgrant administrator, Detroit



Recording Session of "Radio Playwrights"

"As a direct result of this LSTA project and last year's LSTA project, the library has been able to form a partner-ship with the Detroit Associated Libraries and Assistive Technology of Michigan, a partnership which has already resulted in a grant of over \$19,000 last year and \$17,000 this year. The resulting grant is for staff training in the use of adaptive voice interface software, learning disability software and enlarging software." Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped subgrant administrator, Detroit

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LSTA Projects

Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Region of Cooperation, Southgate	\$18,652
Regions of Cooperation	
Wayne County Public Library, Lincoln Park Branch, Lincoln Park	10,825
Children in Poverty	
Wayne County Public Library, Taylor Community Library Branch, Taylor	31,100
Internet Training Center	,
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2000 in support of services to this district:	\$60,577



"All the libraries in the OWLS Region benefit from the collaborative efforts this project allows. Better communication, grant opportunities, resource sharing and document delivery options, the ability to participate and network with other local libraries are just some of the ways in which the libraries in OWLS collaborate with each other." OWLS Region of Cooperation subgrant administrator, Southgate

"This project was undertaken to assist our libraries, and the cooperative, in planning for bandwidth growth and maintaining a good response time across our network. Through this project we were able to redesign our network access to the Internet and make some improvements to the response time experienced by our patrons when searching the Internet. Keeping pace with bandwidth needs is a long-term process. This project has helped us to lay the groundwork for future network planning. But its most important impact was helping us to improve response time." The Library Network subgrant administrator, Southgate

"It's great to be able to keep in touch with my friends and relatives using the Internet email. When they have questions, I can find the answers using the AccessMichigan databases . . . and they think I am so smart." Training Center user



Summary of LSTA Subgrants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2000

Advanced	Technology	
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Funding Area Total	\$505 602
Michigan State University Libraries	150,000
Kalamazoo Public Library	150,000
James White Library, Andrews University	100,759
Canton Public Library	\$104,843

Basic Library Technology

Akron-Fairgrove Junior/Senior High School Library	\$75,000
Alba Public Schools K-12 Library	21,380
Alpena Public Schools Libraries	96,696
Cass District Library	72,210
Fairview Area Schools Libraries	24,247
Glen Lake Community Library	25,000
Houghton Lake Community Schools Libraries	50,796
Indian River Area Library	24,850
Millington Community School District Libraries	31,896
Negaunee Public Schools Libraries	25,000
North Branch Area Schools Libraries	25,000
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation	134,814
Funding Area Total	\$606,889

Children in Poverty

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Hart Area Public Library	\$18,300
Hesperia Public Library	14,012
Hiawathaland Library Cooperative	25,000
Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative	25,000
Public Libraries of Saginaw	25,000
South Haven High School Library	18,650
Spies Public Library	22,565
Three Rivers Public Library	20,300
Warren Public Library	25,000
Wayne County Public Library, Lincoln Park Branch	10,825
Wayne County Public Library, River Rouge Branch	23,975
White Pigeon Middle/High School Library	7,594
Funding Area Total	\$236,221

Community Information Network

Funding Area Total	\$167,388
Otsego County Library	39,791
Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative	49,947
Branch District Library	50,000
Bayliss Public Library	\$27,650

Internet Training Center Chippewa River District Library \$50,000 Cromaine District Library 25,274 Fremont Area District Library 39,259 Independence Township Library 50,000 Mid-Michigan Library League 49,964 Northland Library Cooperative 50,000 Public Libraries of Saginaw 46,415 Royal Oak Public Library 21,726 Wayne County Public Library, Taylor Community Library Branch 31,100 Woodlands Library Cooperative 29,355 **Funding Area Total** \$393,093 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped \$5,213 Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 8,150 Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 8,073 Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 10,706 Mideastern Michigan Talking Book Center 7,237 Muskegon County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 6.482 Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 7,927 Oakland County Library for the Visually and Physically Impaired 14,359 St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources 5,268 Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 7,949 Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled 9,213

Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library

Funding Area Total

Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Chesterfield Township Library	\$24,589
Chippewa Temporary Facility Library	22,685
Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	24,988
Macomb Region of Cooperation	24,220
Newberry Correctional Facility Library	18,291
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	25,000
Salem-South Lyon District Library	5,859
St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources	16,717
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.	25,000
Funding Area Total	\$187,349

Regions of Cooperation

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Capital Area Library Network, Inc.	\$4,974
Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation	9,083
Macomb Region of Cooperation	7,576
Mid-Michigan Library League Region of Cooperation	4,753
Mideastern Michigan Region of Cooperation	7,695
Northland Interlibrary System	3,567
Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Region of Cooperation	18,652
Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation	5,646
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation	6,186
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.	9,446
White Pine Library Network	6,779
Funding Area Total	\$84,357

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\$107,625



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